

Leon H. Washington, Jr., Visiting Parents Here

Los Angeles Publisher Is Known for Fight Against Job Jim Crow, Clown Roles

"If Negroes have any idea that the Japs are their friends they are sadly mistaken," said Leon H. Washington Jr., editor and publisher of the Los Angeles Sentinel, who is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Washington, 1958 Thompson St., and his sister, Mrs. Juanita Goodman whose husband, George W. Goodman, former Washington, D. C., Urban league head, is now with the Red Cross in England.

"The Japanese have always displayed vicious attitudes towards Negroes even before Pearl Harbor," continued the head of the militant West coast publication. Washington has lived in Los Angeles for the past 15 years

and speaks with a knowledge of how Japanese feel toward colored people.

Fights Clown Roles

In Los Angeles the name of Leon Washington is synonymous with racial militancy, especially in the field of job getting. He is the spearhead of the "Don't Spend Your Money Where You Can't Work" campaign in the West. The young Kansan is leading a relentless fight against the Hollywood manner of depicting Negroes as clowns and in disreputable roles.

When "Tales of Manhattan," a cinema in which such stars as Paul Robeson, Rochester and Ethel Waters were cast as ignorant backwoods folk was to be shown in "the Angel City" Washington led a picket line against the movie in one of the principal downtown theaters. He is leading an organized fight against the Hollywood portrayal of Negroes on the screen.

Washington may attend the National Negro Publishers association in Louisville before returning to his home on the west coast.

One of the first sponsored Negro programs on WLBF now KCKN was directed and conceived by him. He was active in politics and was even considered radical by some of the more conservative citizens and leaders in this community.

In Los Angeles and along the coast the name of Leon Washington is synonymous with direct action against employers who refuse to give Negroes work after every appeal to reason has been ignored.

In public utilities, along Central Avenue where whites own a great deal of business Negroes have substantial employment due to the persistent fight made by this young Kansan.

On S. I. H. Commission

Washington was the first and only Negro to be appointed a member of the California state Immigration and Housing commission. He was chosen for this place by former Governor Culbert L. Olson. There are only four members of this board. Washington represents the entire Los Angeles county.

Washington's paper was started as a free sheet in which advertising was one of the main features but it has developed into a full-sized newspaper. It has a widely-read theatrical and sports section. The Sentinel recently opened its own studio with its own staff of photographers.

Washington is married to the former Ruth Brummell of Kansas City, Kas. The Washingtons

versity. She taught for two years at Prairie View State college, Prairie View, Texas.

Miss Novel was granted a leave of absence from Texas college to take up her new activity. She is spending her time here renewing old acquaintances, shopping and resting up before starting her USO training this week-end.

Dr. C. W. Alexander To Advisory Council

Dr. C. W. Alexander, 340 Quindaro Blvd., is one of 11 persons appointed Saturday night by Commissioner E. W. Becker, head of the city health department, to serve as an advisory council in cooperation with the joint Wyandotte County-Kansas City, Kas., board of public health.

The council will serve without pay and will meet monthly or upon call. Dr. Alexander, popular in medical circles here, was recommended by the Wyandotte County Medical society.

Buy Tickets for Ink Spots at Home And Drew Pharmacies

Tickets for the stellar entertainment attraction of the season, "The Great Cavalcade," featuring the Ink Spots, Lucky Millinder and Peg-Leg Bates, may be purchased on the Kansas side at the Home Drug store, 1512 N. 5th St., and Drew pharmacy, 10th St. and Washington Blvd.

Dr. Thompson Ill

Dr. J. R. Thompson, of 1234 Washington Blvd., is confined to Douglass hospital, where he was taken Wednesday night, seriously ill. His condition was reported much improved at the hospital yesterday.

Dr. Thompson is deputy coroner for Wyandotte county.

BICYCLE STOLEN

Randolph Smith, 1025 Nebraska Ave., told police that sometime last week someone took his bicycle from the yard.

own their own home, a beautiful Spanish type structure. Although he has made his home in the West for many years Washington is still interested in his home town.

"I was thrilled when I heard that Fred White was elected county commissioner last fall," said Washington, "for this is the kind of progress that we must make as a race if we expect to get our just dues. I'm always anxious to know how Kansas City, Kas., is coming along. It's just about true that "Once a Kansan, always a Kansan," and even though one lives thousands of miles away his mind often wanders back to his home town and its people. I'm getting a big kick out of meeting my old friends along Fifth street."